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1. SHOULD BE NOTED THAT UNDER STANDING ORDERS SPECIAL SESSION OF GB MAY BE CALLED BY CHAIRMAN ALONE AND MUST BE CALLED IF TEN GOVTS OR SEVEN EMPLOYERS OR SEVEN WORKERS REQUEST IT IN WRITING. ALTHOUGH MUNOZ-LEDO HAS SOUGHT VIEWS OF EMPLOYER AND WORKER VICE CHAIRMEN, UNDER STANDING ORDERS (ART 20) THEIR ACQUIESCENCE IN DECISION TO CALL SPECIAL MEETING IS NOT REQUIRED.

2. EMPLOYER VICE CHAIRMAN BERGENSTROM HAS RESPONDED IN WRITING TO GB CHAIRMAN THAT HE IS TOTALLY OPPOSED TO A SPECIAL SESSION OF GB. BERGENSTROM STATED THAT ONLY ROLE FOR ILO IN CHILEAN AFFAIR CONCERNS APPLICATION OF INTERNATIONAL LABOR CONVENTIONS AND ADEQUATE PROCEDURE ALREADY EXISTS FOR AIRING ANY CHARGES OF GOVERNMENTAL NON-COMPLIANCE. HE ALSO CITED
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WASTEFUL COST OF A SPECIAL SESSION AND THE RAPIDLY APPROACHING

REGULAR SCHEDULED NOVEMBER SESSION OF GB.

3. APPARENTLY WORKER VICE CHAIRMAN MORRIS HAS NOT REPLIED TO CHAIRMAN'S REQUEST FOR VIEWS AND SEVERAL ILO OFFICIALS BELIEVE THAT HE IS UNDER PRESSURE TO STATE NO OBJECTION TO SESSION.

4. ALTHOUGH REPORT OF CGT-CFDT LETTER APPEARED IN LE MONDE AND THAT EFFORT TO CONVENE SPECIAL SESSION HAS RECEIVED MOST PUBLIC ATTENTION, LESS OBVIOUS PRESSURE BEING EXERTED BY SOVIET WORKER MEMBER OF GB, PIMENOV HAS NOT ALARMED ILO STAFF WHO ARE CLOSE TO THE ISSUE.

5. COMMENT: EVEN IF MUNOZ-LEDO SUCCUMBED TO PRESSURE AND CALLED SPECIAL SESSION OR EVEN IF REQUISITE NUMBER OF MEMBERS WERE FOOLISH ENOUGH TO DEMAND A SPECIAL SESSION, APPLICATION OF GB STANDING ORDERS MIGHT POSE SERIOUS OBSTACLE. ART 9 STIPULATES THAT MATTERS OF URGENT IMPORTANCE MAY BE ADDED TO AGENDA OF ANY SESSION, "WITH THE CONSENT OF THE OFFICERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY." REPORTEDLY ILO LEGAL ADVISERS OFFICE HAS UNOFFICIALLY INTERPRETED ABOVE STIPULATION ON FORMULATION OF AN AGENDA TO APPLY TO A SPECIAL GB SESSION. STIPULATED CONSENT OF THE OFFICERS COUPLED WITH REQUIREMENT THAT AGENDA MUST BE CIRCULATED SO AS TO REACH MEMBERS 14 DAYS BEFORE DATE OF MEETING COULD PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY FOR ONE GB OFFICER TO DELAY CONVENING OF A SPECIAL SESSION ALMOST UNTIL REGULAR NOVEMBER GB MEETS.
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